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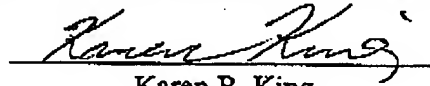
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TITLE: COMPOSITION FOR RECTAL DELIVERY OF AN OXAZOLIDINONE
ANTIBACTERIAL DRUG

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months to respond to an Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, in prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. A shortened statutory time period for response of three months was set by the Office Action. In connection with this petition, please charge \$420.00 or the sum required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to an Office Action dated July 11, 2003, made final, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Request for Reconsideration, Under 37 CFR §1.116. Transmitted herewith, please find a Notice of Appeal. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims proposed herein would present claims rejected in that Office Action in a better form for consideration on appeal, in accordance with §1.116, should an appeal become necessary.